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Department of Child Services, Colts host Books for Youth event

More than 60 foster children received backpacks filled with books

KOKOMO (July 11, 2018) – Indiana’s Department of Child Services (DCS), the Indianapolis Colts and Cargo Services, Inc. hosted the seventh annual Books for Youth backpack distribution event. This week more than 60 Hoosier foster kids received backpacks filled with 25 age-appropriate books.

“Books for Youth is an incredible program that gives kids in foster care something they can call their own,” DCS Director Terry Stigdon said. “Reading is a great indicator of success in school and in life, and providing books to youth in foster care will only encourage them to keep reading.”

The Books for Youth event took place at Haynes International in Kokomo where the foster kids had the opportunity to meet Blue, the Colts mascot and play in the Colts in Motion activity bus.

“These children are Indiana’s future,” said Steve Fugate, CFO at Cargo Services, Inc. “These children have no control over their circumstances and often have little possessions, so by giving them a backpack filled with books, they have something to that belongs only to them.”

The Books for Youth team has collected more than 800,000 books and distributed more than 8,000 backpacks to foster children across the state of Indiana.

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